

Borg Olivier knew about 'corruption' allegations

PN secretary-general 'presents himself' to police, after entrepreneur Beppe Hili says he informed Paul Borg Olivier of kickback allegation in superyacht privatisation

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THE secretary-general of the Nationalist Party, Paul Borg Olivier, was this week questioned at the police headquarters in Floriana, in the ongoing investigations into corruption allegations on the tendering process for the privatisation of Malta Superyachts.

MaltaToday understands that back in

2009, Borg Olivier was informed of allegations made to him by bidders for the superyacht facility, allegations that only surfaced last week after Labour leader Joseph Muscat made scant reference to it in parliament.

But Borg Olivier is denying having been informed of an allegation of 'possible corruption' back in late 2009 by one of Malta's leading entrepreneurs: Beppe Hili.

"I went to Borg Olivier to open my heart

to him, and his response was: 'these things should not happen'," Hili said about when he told Borg Olivier of his concerns on the privatisation of the Malta Superyachts, for which his consortium was bidding.

Borg Olivier yesterday told MaltaToday, that no allegation was made to him by Hili or anyone else over the "possibility of 'corruption' or 'irregularity' in the tendering process."

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